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U.S. Officials Are Often Misinformed

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Secretary of State Rusk, Defense Secretary McNamara, CIA Director McCone are misinformed, again and again.

The White House and our highest officials are endlessly surprised, by Cuba, Laos, the Berlin Wall, the Dominican revolt, that Ben Bella's Algeria would be Red, by Indonesia, Haiti, Cambodia, Zanzibar, Panama. Surprise, surprise, surprise.

The shock of treachery is a horrible burden for our new President to bear, but it is useless to deny the undeniable. The absolutely incredible sequence of misinformation and surprises establishes the degree to which the Soviet has penetrated our United States government.

The same discovery in West Germany all but broke the heart of their Chancellor, Konrad Adenauer, who once told me that he considered the internal security of his Defense Ministry the best in the world. But when the grim diabolic truth overtook him it was like a surgeon who performs a local operation and finds the whole body is diseased.

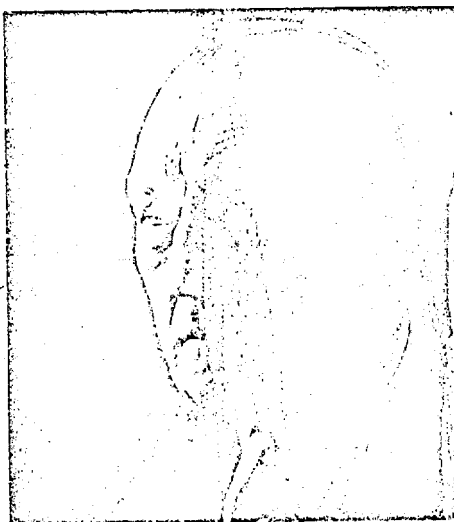
The prize—and priceless—information the Soviet seeks is: what are the Western powers' intentions and capabilities in each given situation?

This requires continuous tapping of top-secret circles of decision—penetration into the highest policy level. And there are traitors inevitably in every government in the world. Britain, France, Italy, Belgium, Japan, the Dutch, Sweden—none is spared. Neither is the United States.

For example, that our Central Intelligence Agency has been penetrated wholesale is a demonstrated fact (proved by reprisals against its agents).

We know that the high level penetration of our government is the responsibility of a Kremlin bureau called the Confidential Administration of the Communist Party's Central Committee. We know its apparatus is the design of a Col. Fyedorovich Kuznetsov, the controlling brain of the first penetra-

tion of our atomic secrets. We know the lines lead back to an old Russian palace at 19 Znamensky Street in Moscow. We know its agents' emergency code word for this section is "The Center."



When West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer found out the degree to which the Soviets had penetrated his government, the shock almost broke his heart.

We also know "The Center" is designated in Kremlin files as "RU" and is meshed with the foreign espionage network of the Red Army. But no enemy agent ever looks like one and often their motives are utterly inexplicable. It is only by the pattern of their results that you can find them.

The incontestable proof occurs when you are led into repeated surprises and failures. It was never a coincidence that the Death Valley stage coach was repeatedly ambushed. The bandits were waiting behind the rocks. And they managed to be there because the prize was high.

In the first two years of the Eisenhower Administration, 2,200 security risks were weeded out of government jobs. This gives some indication of the size of the task. But the Soviets are unequalled in patience and long-range planning. Their standard method is to wait for each new Administration here and then inject their deep-cover people into every possible opening. For a turnover in government is always (and everywhere) the greatest opportunity for penetration.

Accordingly, the major penetrations today arise from the Administration turn-over in 1961.

In this the U.S.S.R. relies heavily on its "sleeper method." Russian administrators think nothing of obtaining a recruit, perhaps just out of college or on a faculty or in a laboratory, and not using him actively for perhaps eight or 10 years. Red cell members grease the way for him to advance. And, with a turn-over, he advances into sensitive areas of our government—with the White House, CIA, State Department and Pentagon the prime targets; and in that order of priority.

We abhor the traitor, perhaps more intensely than any other nation in the world. But that President Johnson faces this treachery is as obvious as it is abhorrent.

There is only one place to take a beginning. President Johnson can move quietly on this; without embarrassment, if possible. But every man he knows who has demonstrably failed to protect the security of the United States, or at any time has lied on the job, must go—and at once.

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